

# **EXHIBIT “N”**

## TRANSCRIPT

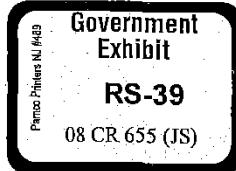
CASE: U.S. v. CHRISTIAN TARANTINO  
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PARTICIPANTS: CT - Christian Tarantino  
VG - Vincent Gargiulo  
UF - Unidentified Female

ABBREVIATIONS: [UI] = Unintelligible  
[PH] = Phonetic Spelling



(Elapsed time starting 00:00:26)

CT: So the cops come upstate, you know.

VG: Right. They go all the way upstate?

CT: Yeah, 'bout four of them, right?

So I get a phone call from --

VG: Feds or state?

CT: Both.

VG: Together?

CT: Yeah. So listen, so I go, ah -- I get a call from MEL, you know. Fuckin', ah, KENNY comes to get me. I'm like, what the fuck, you know. So MEL goes, CHRIS, listen, fuckin' U.S. Attorney wants to take DNA from you.

You fuckin' botched the armored car up, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.

VG: They didn't take it, did they?

CT: Listen. So I go, holy fuck; and I ain't giving it to them, you know? He says this. I ain't giving to them. I go, it's gonna come back, you know? So, ah -

VG: From the car [UI]?

CT: Yeah. Listen, I'll tell you about it. Okay. Listen [UI] --

VG: What --

CT: The car we drove up there with Louie.

VG: Yeah, I know. I know. I had the car.

CT: I had the car, remember the other half of the car. The car we drove up in, the car that we pulled up in. We changed tails over here, and we went to a different car and took off, so the [UI] we put on -- the car we pulled up in --

VG: Right.

CT: -- they have it.

VG: And -- and, then what, you didn't have a hat on? What kind of DNA is it, hair?

CT: They go, if the DNA works out different, they did this now -- [UI] be happy to have -- I'm like -- like a [UI].

VG: Maroon, right.

CT: Not anymore, anything they get.

VG: Any hair?

CT: They get.

VG: So you think they have hair?

CT: So listen. So we used the car all winter. And for the most part, I did --

VG: Oh, shit. There's no way ya fucked up.

CT: Definitely, I know. That's what I said. I go, and I went to the city with Mike.

VG: Holy shit.

CT: So listen. I'm like, fuck, you know. I'm shitting bullets. We took a vacuum to the car, you know what I mean, right?

VG: Hey, JENN.

UF: Hey.

CT: Ah, I didn't vacuum the car 'till -- you know what I mean, like we, we, we cleaned it for a couple of hours, you know what I mean?

VG: Right.

CT: The night before (UI) vacuumed it out (UI), but you know big (UI). like any other (UI), but then you know, I know they had the little (UI), so listen, so (UI) I am not giving it to them. He calls me back, he says you gotta give it to them.

VG: All right. Well, I'll be your [UI].

CT: He said, well [UI]. Here's the deal. He said, if you don't give it to them, the U.S. Attorney is going to call up your fucking parole officer, he's going to call DAN PERRONE. They're going to have you violated immediately. And just so you know, I've been checking it out. He goes, here's the deal. He goes, they can get a fuckin' court order, no fuckin' problem; and they will, okay, CHRIS? Before you get -- and they will. He goes, so if you don't like giving it to them, you're going to be automatically violated because if you give it to them, you're going to get out. Get out. How the fuck is that happening, you know what I mean. I'm like, it's coming back. I'm thinking, what does it take, ten days? Supposedly it takes two to three months.

VG: How long's it been?

CT: Two months and change.

VG: Oh, shit.

CT: Yeah.

VG: Now, it makes more sense that SCOTT'S doing everything. I was going to tell you how long ago SCOTT running [UI].

CT: Nah, nah, don't. But the thing is, I can't imagine it takes fuckin' six weeks. Like it ain't six weeks from then 'till now. You going to let me out?

VG: What?

CT: I think they had to, like, [UI] money or something. So listen, as soon as --

VG: But even with just the car, [UI] it doesn't explain everything. [UI] fucking [UI] fibers [UI] --

CT: I know because who's to say -- listen, the others -- I was thinking about the other thing, but who's to say, the car we pulled up in, did someone take our license plate down? How do they know that was the car that was found down there? Just 'cause it's a red stolen vehicle, it could of been there for a month, you know, but -- you know. You know what I'm saying, like --

VG: Right.

CT: I go, you know [UI] how do you know that wasn't the one we pulled up in? Did somebody take the plate? Did someone give a description of the plate? Like were you there at the time I was saying I was there? You know what I'm saying?

VG: Right.

CT: So, but nevertheless, here's how -- so the story gets even trickier, all right.

VG: Uh-huh.

CT: So now, they think this -- by the time they come up there, right?

VG: [UI], one other question, CHRIS.

CT: They're up here.

VG: Why are they waiting this long ? What's it, four or five years?

CT: Huh-uh. Six – six, coming up on seven. Let me -- let me -- let me just tell you 'cause, Vince – and you know what, I won't lead you, and I'll let you tell me what you think, all right? Now when these guys come up here, right, now a bunch of other dudes get arrested. [UI] --

VG: Yeah.

CT: Okay, some guy's cousin rats on his cousin, okay? Somebody rats on you and says you killed LOUIE which you totally [UI].

VG: Holy shit.

CT: Yeah, they got him out of jail.

VG: I got to talk. Something strange [UI].

CT: Just listen to this. It gets twisted, right? They got him out of jail. This guy named PISTONE, okay -- remember that PETER PISTONE, okay, running around telling everybody he bumped LOUIE. He got arrested in Brooklyn.

VG: Unbelievable.

CT: He -- him and this guy PISTONE and like five other fuckin', like half fuckin' mozzarellas, all right, got arrested for like some kind of RICO or something, you know what I mean, out on Long Island, all right? So now they had all of their DNA taken too and supposedly dozens of witnesses. CHRIS told me. I go -- and dropped him off in his car, you know. He used his fuckin' cousin's pickup, or whatever, and dropped them off. And there's -- there were blood stains in there. So they took all these guys' DNA also [UI] in

this person's pickup truck. Maybe they find hairs so [UI], and they took seven guys' names. I don't know one of their names, not one. It's like, yeah, JOE MOTARATS, TONY COROLIE; and I'm like, you know. And I'm like, I don't know them [UI]. So these guys are also arrested at the same time, all right? So now – and admit that [UI] – (Laughter).

VG: Go ahead.

CT: [UI] imagine. So now MEL tells me they wanted hair but doesn't want me to take it, right? He's like [UI]. I can't think for about a day, two days. Finally, I'm sketching shit out. For one, eighteen people were in that car. Eighteen. Thinking like JOE CAPATENIE, [UI] like. Like a million – like really never – so I'm like, holy fuck, you know? So, they know that. And I go – [UI] fuckin' DNA's been around forever. That got us fuckin' like –

VG: That's it. I think they're trying to scare you guys into making some type of move and – and get this stupid case with a dead end. So what they're doing now is putting pressure on everyone. See if you get everyone involved into saying that SCOTT'S on the lam. He shouldn't be doing what he's doing.

CT: He's changed, SCOTT, because listen, you're thinking like this, for one. You're not a saint in all of this. You're taking X amount of time, and I'm taking X. So for one, I need a guy on the street in order to fuckin' take care of my shit, you know what I mean, as far as arranging money, as far as handling our business.

VG: But he is going to be so hot if this comes down.

CT: Doesn't matter. Listen, his whole thing is if he can prove to the wife, he

could arrange it. He'll -- he'll turn himself in. He just wants to arrange bail, you know what I mean, and that's it. And he will turn himself in, because --

VG: They're not going to give him bail.

CT: They can arrange it from a long distance. I mean RYAN ROSECO [PH] did it.

VG: Yeah, but RYAN --

CT: They gave -- they gave fuckin' MIKEE CARTER gave him bail. He had six fuckin' murders on his case.

VG: Because they kept control of him.

CT: He's got a fuckin' murder out at Staten Island. He's all gangstered up.

VG: The security guard is an innocent guy. They -- that's why they will never stop with this. This shit is going to go on for ten years.

CT: So listen -- so -- so, ah --

VG: [UI] their interest, in Louie --

CT: Yeah.

VG: Him, they don't give a fuck about. That's what I mean. They don't care about him.

CT: Not anymore.

VG: No.

CT: Fuck them.

VG: It's more the security guard. That's really bad, BUDDY.

CT: I know.

VG: That's really bad.

CT: I know.

VG: Umm, you know what there, I think – just so you know, it's all over Bellmore, that shit SCOTT'S doing.

CT: Yeah.

VG: It comes back to me. I get a call from BOB, who is in a dirt bag bar; and he found out. I go, what the fuck you talking about, SCOTT'S not, you know, on the – you know, basically he's on the lam.

SCOTT'S not on the lam. It is the stupidest thing I ever [UI]. He was on [UI].

CT: Yeah.

VG: Turns out, he's right. He said that. I couldn't believe fuckin' – you know what he's saying, RALPH. He's saying it's some type of a drug bust, though. I thought maybe that thing with LADAGANA was talking about.

CT: We were working from the inside [UI]. Cops were there, asking about Liquid Lab. They were laundering money out of there.

VG: Oh, really.

CT: The fucking place only does breakfast and lunch. How can they make any money? Meanwhile, I would send [UI] thirty thousand [UI] the place [UI].

VG: Fucking CLAUDIA and REM. REM --

CT: Nonetheless, so listen, let me tell you. There is more to the story, right? So the cops come up. By the time they get me, I'm cool. I've -- I've pretty much accepted the fact that [UI] months ago, 40 years', I'm going to do it. I'll go see Dave. I'll go see Al. [UI] fuckin' day. I ain't breaking no matter what, you know, no matter what. Nobody's fuckin' ever turning me out.

VG: Nobody.

CT: Never.

VG: It's fucking rough shoes to be in.

CT: Yeah, no. But [UI] get – it gets to the point, you know, you ran it. And all of a sudden, it's like, well, I hope it goes to the feds. That's an understanding to myself, ya know. It's my fuckin' time. I'm going to go wherever the fuck.

VG: One thing I'm glad about, if the feds are involved, they won't bring you down to torture a confession out of you.

CT: Right.

VG: Suffolk County will do that to you.

CT: Nassau [UI]?

VG: It's Nassau County?

CT: Yeah.

VG: I thought it was found in [UI]. Nassau's even worse.

CT: Yeah.

VG: They are worse. I told you about them.

CT: Now, the guys come up. So by the time I get there, I'm pretty cool. I know I've got to give my shit up, right? So they're doing my palms so -- so what's funny is the guy from Nassau, he's a nice looking Italian guy. He's older, probably fifty. They've got one guy from Nassau, like, ah, who deals with forensic. And they got the other guy who looks like the guy that gets on TV a lot 'cause, you know, we got this guy, like a spokesman you know, head detective. And you got the guy from the feds and another guy from the feds, right?

So, the other guy from the feds was heavy investigation, trying to make a name for himself like from the *Unsolved Mystery*, you know? He, uhm -- he seems to be like this other guy like -- like the Nassau guy is sharp as a fuck -- sharp as hell, ya know. He knows what he's doing, you know what I mean? [UI] I felt this motherfucker's presence. The other guy is like New Jack, kind of grey. What, are you talking to me, like I [UI] -- feel like I should show him a fucking letter --

VG: Say no, you're going at it --

(Laughter)

CT: -- you know what I mean? I felt like I should school him a little bit. So he's like, ahh, CHRIS, you guys switched over the gyms to Synergy. I'm like, ahh --

VG: And right up your ass, huh?

CT: Yeah. So, ahh, the thing is, they go, ah, CHRIS, listen [UI]. Yeah, yeah --

VG: What did he say? [UI]?

CT: In general, he says, you know, [UI], boot camp?

VG: Oh.

CT: Very military? I'm like, yeah, yeah. We're like niggers, you know? They took my whole hand print, you know? Yeah, pretty good at this, huh, you know. They go and take my [UI]. I give it to them. I give them my shit [UI]. [UI] talk to, you know. They [UI] who you are, right? So they go, so you know what we're up here about, right? I go, yeah, I know what you're up here about.

VG: Why did you say that?

CT: Listen. 'Cause -- did your lawyer -- told us what you're up here about, right?

VG: Oh, okay.

CT: I go, yeah, I know. He goes, your [UI] told us. He goes, ah, you want to tell us what we're up here about? I go, why don't you tell me.

(Laughs)

[UI] why don't you tell me. Then they're like, I think [UI] can see we're not going to get anywhere. He's like, you know? And he didn't mention, I didn't mention, you know. So -- so they start kicking it around. He goes, CHRIS, this is fucking serious. You know, we don't take DNA everyday.

VG: Everyday?

CT: Yeah, they go, we don't take DNA everyday unless it's very serious. And yeah, I don't give it everyday, you know? So I sit down [UI]. I go -- and I they start making their pitch, you know. And I ain't [UI] tell right now who [UI] you know. [UI] up here. [UI] seventeen, there is a dead cop involved now. We know you're making legal money now. You're married, blah, blah, blah.

VG: So they don't know JENN was pregnant, right?

CT: They might, you know?

VG: How the fuck do they get all this information?

CT: They know I'm married, and they didn't say JENN was pregnant. And I was almost tempted to say, yeah, my wife's pregnant, you know, like --

VG: Just to see how close [UI] --

CT: Yeah, but they didn't mention it, but they would of. [UI] making legal money now. [UI] I didn't feel like going to them [UI]. See I can't tell on my friends, right. Now when I get out, fuckin' you going to get me like \$500,000 a year to cover my fuckin' living. What, am I going to go start stealing again?

(Laughter)

Where the fuck do I go, you know what I'm saying, like [UI]. I'm saying -- like I'm telling SCOTT, who's ever going to talk to me again, like there's no fuckin' -- there's no possibility, you know. It's not like I love my friends. I don't like them. So the other guy, the other guy's like, ah, you know how it ends and ahh -- so he says, CHRIS [UI] I really got to tell you -- well, when you think about it, [UI] I go, I don't get it. I go, you know what, I know what I do and I know what I don't do? This fuckin' shit don't add up to me. I go, now the big conspiracies, I go, I don't fuckin' get it. I go -- and I know you guys like -- like you know what, I go, I kind of believe in your justice system. I go, I know you guys are fucked up out in Nassau. I go, like, when I got pinched for robbing a car, they locked SCOTT up with it. I go, I did it. You guys got me. And I would have been guilty. I go, SCOTT really didn't. But we were doing other things. I go, but you know what I mean, so -- so -- but this shit right here, I go -- I go, I don't -- I don't get it, you know. So I go [UI]. I got -- you know, I got [UI] what am I going to do, tell my friends. He goes, ahh, you know, CHRIS, you don't want to be in a place when you wake up and there is no mirror. [UI] CHRIS, just so you know, he goes, you don't want to be on the back of this train 'cause we're going to be

arresting a lot of people. He goes, you don't want to be in the caboose on this one.

VG: You know what I'm saying, [UI] one thing for sure buddy?

CT: What?

VG: I don't mean to sound fucked up, but I'm so glad I'm not involved in this one.

CT: Listen, he goes, you could be in the big caboose, better than that, right?

I'm like [smack sound]. I get up. Uh, uh, I leave, right. So I'm adamant.

I'm pretty shook, you know. Fuck, you know. I guess this is it, right?

Now, I get a letter from MANON saying they arrested JOHN GOETZ, ah right. Okay, and the U.S. Attorney tells MEL and RICK LIBRETT, don't take this case. You're going to have a conflict of interest, meaning they are going to tie me and SCOTT in with JOHN, which I think is implicating that there is a train which is great.

VG: They don't know if JOHN had nothing to do with it, right?

CT: Listen, no, man. They knew JOHN had nothing to do with it. They locked JOHN up for the GHB.

VG: Right, JOHN [UI] more of a train?

CT: [UI] and end this train. You don't want to be in the caboose, like everyone is going to tell on me again, like --

VG: All right.

CT: -- [UI] for RICHIE, you know.

VG: Right.

CT: So they're like, you don't want to get in the caboose on this one. So they tell MEL and RICK LIBRETT, you know, conflict of interest here, don't do it.

So ah –

VG: MEL does it, I hope.

CT: Well, of course, MEL does it. He goes, what the fuck you talking about, you know. To make a long story short, I had a – I had a falling out with JOHN. I get to the point where I was going to [UI] Black Jack my shit, he was hiding from [UI]. GHB and it was legal, and I was supposed to make X amount of dollars and then -- and then I thought JOHN was fuckin' – wasn't making any money. I didn't want to believe him.

VG: I knew you weren't happy with him back then.

CT: Yeah, but I didn't want to bleed the kid, you know what I mean? And then I go to the fuckin' wholesalers club where he moves three hundred cases. And I'm supposed to make X amount on a fuckin' bottle. And it's like, twenty, thirty thousand out of my fucking pocket. I'm fuckin' angry, you know. I'm like -- I call him up. I go, yeah, JOHN I got great deal, you know. I need fifty grand, or I'm going to get bubble Buzz. I'm just going to take the fuckin' money. I'm going to Black tack Jack his fuckin' ass, and that was going to be it. You know SCOTT, more of a business man, right?

VG: Well, it's not only that. You just don't want the kid on the -- not on your good side though.

CT: This was then though. This is going back two years ago, okay? So SCOTT goes because he is a business man, he goes, let me handle this, gets JOHN to pay the money. I don't talk to JOHN. I don't invite him to my wedding. I don't talk to him for a fuckin' year. We go to the courthouse. He was there with a lawyer, you know? We finally make up

just before our case gets resolved. I've been hanging in the [UI] gym for fuckin' for two years, okay? They're convinced though that JOHN put a million and half dollars in Jamaica. That's a lot of fuckin' money.

VG: Yeah, well, I read in the papers that he had like \$270,000 in the bank.

CT: They fuckin' seized it. They seized another 200,000 in fucking cash.

VG: Holy shit.

CT: Three thousand out of his fuckin' apartment and who knows what else.

VG: I can't believe CLAUDIA got caught up in that.

CT: Yeah.

VG: That's fucked up when your girl's with you.

CT: Yeah.

VG: You know they questioned her as well too.

CT: Huh --

VG: You know they questioned her about that.

CT: Right. It gets better. It gets better. The whole story gets better, right?

So

now -- and what [UI] I said JOHN did? You know, so I get a visit from fuckin' JENN and my fuckin' brother, who is such a pussy. It makes me fuckin' sick.

VG: Your brother?

CT: Oh yeah, he's such a pussy.

VG: Why?

CT: He is so fuckin' [UI], you know, for somebody who wanting to be like -- you know, for the part, he's like, you know, he'll sock 'em up. But he ain't -- he

ain't going any further than that, you know what I mean? Like for a kid like, well, I got to calm down and talk, not fuckin' people, when I'm thinking like, oh, no, maybe he's -- maybe he's, you know, like when I got to talk him out of doing something, like figuring maybe he would be half serious once in a while, he ain't, you know. The kid is fucking straight soft like baby shit, you know what I'm saying?

VG: Yeah, I know.

CT: Which is good. Yeah, which is good, you know. We shouldn't put that off on him [UI] stuff. But the truth of it, my brother is straight up shorts. He gets all his stories fucked up. You come up there, buddy, and then you shit on yourself, you know what I'm saying. You know with JOHN. Did you ever tell on him? Yeah, [UI] JOHN and I [UI] 24-hour drug dealer. You know what I'm saying?

VG: You didn't do anything with JOHN, did you?

CT: Oh, yeah, I did.

VG: JOHN wasn't involved in this, was he?

CT: No.

Woo, woo, woo, bam. He goes right out of the picture. [UI]. We -- with JOHN and like the thing didn't go down, you know what I'm saying?

VG: But why?

CT: For more than one reason, JOHN wasn't innocent.

VG: You -- you didn't get any money? You didn't get any money, did you?

CT: No, I guess the bottom line is he ain't around.

VG: Oh, yeah?

CT: Yeah.

VG: Okay. Give me five minutes to [UI] up.

CT: Five minutes.

VG: But, ah, it's better than nothing, which is nonsense.

CT: [UI]. Do you think the case is about me and SCOTTY? No.

And they couldn't charge [UI] this way. Tell us about CHRIS, and we'll let you go home. They told CLAUDINE the same thing. Tell us who [UI].

We know you fuckin' guys –

VG: Involved in the GHB?

CT: Yeah. We knew you fuckin' guys did it. Blah, blah, blah. She's like, listen, her lawyer is KEVIN KEATING, right out of MEL's office.

VG: KEVIN KEATING?

CT: Yeah, lucked out. Right. By accident purely, okay. Tells the cops, listen, we wouldn't let them get involved. They tried to get involved. We wouldn't let them get involved. You're wrong, you know, and as far as LIQUID LAB goes da, da, da; and this is a fuckin' a girl pleading, so they knew they can turn her, you know? So that's good. So I'm like -- when they first got arrested, I'm like [UI] it ain't that bad, you know; but the -- the DNA shit. They took fuckin' seven guys' shit.

VG: What about, ahh – the problem with that is they don't know whose that is.

They don't care about that. They just look for your match.

CT: Yeah, I know, but what about the [UI] okay, KEVIN KEATING, DNA [UI] show up 'cause they did all of [UI]. Dude, they would of taken [UI]. I think -- I think that Nassau fucked up that car.

VG: What do you mean, fucked it up? Didn't take anything out of it?

CT: The car that I left there, I think it was dead.

VG: Oh, really.

CT: Yeah, they just fucked it up because, VIN, 'cause we've been a suspect in that since day one – day one, okay. The fuckin' DNA has been around for how many years now? A lot.

VG: Yeah.

CT: It's been around for four.

VG: Yeah.

CT: Right?

VG: I'm convinced that they are trying to get stirred up, trying to make you make some stupid mistake, get SCOTT scared, SCOTT goes on the run, stirring this thing up. It just happens they don't have no leads and now -- yeah, exactly, this was [UI] DNA even happened.

CT: The exact fuckin' place [UI]. They can do it all they want.

VG: But you know what the bad thing is SCOTT going on the run. He makes you guys look so bad though. It – it so much – it so much [UI] if you guys go --

CT: The one thing you got to do, listen, that doesn't matter anymore, trust me.

VG: As soon as you guys get busted, they're going to find SCOTT in no time.

CT: Yeah.

VG: No time at all. Because you know how much media they'll put on him. He'll be number one's most wanted. He won't be able to move.

CT: Right, right.

VG: So it's all a waste of time.

CT: Right.

VG: But, uhm, I'm not saying you shouldn't have did it because you shouldn't have fed into it. You should have just shrugged it off. But, ah --

CT: Nothing we can do now --

VG: No, [UI] the fuckin' losers in Bellmore start knowing that SCOTT'S on the lam, that means everyone knows.

CT: Oh, yeah.

VG: Cops know he's on the lam now.

CT: Oh, yeah.

VG: They know he's running scared. What do you think -- now this is between me and you. What do you think? You don't think he's going to tell on you?

CT: Nah.

VG: Really.

CT: You know what it is? He keeps saying things that I'm like, ah -- I don't think -- I don't think SCOTT is as strong as, say, a lot of other guys, whatever, but -- two things, one is that SCOTT is smart.

VG: He is smart, right?

CT: He is smart.

VG: Because he was [UI] but what would happen is he was -- he'd get a shit load of time, but you'd get more.

CT: He does. Two things, one is that he is smarter now. Two is like, you know what, everyone's got a reason for not doing it. Like if someone tells on me, I ain't tellin' on them anyway. I just ain't doing it. I ain't doing it. And I

ain't fuckin' doing it, you know. And if I like – and -- and I – and I would play it to the max. Like if someone says VINNY's been talking, SCOTT's been talking, I want to see you at trial and I want to see you doing it. And I might be the fuckin' moose brother that killed your mother, but I ain't doing it, you know what I mean? And [UI].

(Grunting sound)

I mean, I'd like to see him do it. I really – I think he could. I think he'll go to hell for doing that.

VG: (Laughs)

CT: I really do, you know what I mean.

VG: I don't think ROB would do it.

CT: Never. Never ROB.

VG: Do you think they were on to him?

CT: Nope.

VG: That puppy was good.

CT: Besides, listen to me. They are so fuckin' wrong with this, that's good, you know? I think, ahh, they're shaking the cherry tree. They're shaking an apple tree.

VG: Now that they know that, now they see what SCOTT did, they must feel pretty confident they're on the right track. I think you're planning on them fucking it up. Maybe they did a long time ago.

CT: Long time ago, yeah. [UI] three [UI].

VG: What about, remember the trunk and your finger? You told me something, you squished your finger?

CT: Yeah [UI].

VG: There was no skin on that, right?

CT: Buddy, no way [UI]. I was in the middle of the fuckin' Atlantic Ocean and the body was found floating two days later or better. There was one piece of skin on a fuckin' rock, can't believe it's been floating in the ocean.

VG: Yeah, no way.

CT: No fucking way.

VG: Fish would eat it and stuff.

CT: The bottom line, it would just float away, you know what I mean? It wouldn't stay jammed on a rock? If it was here, yeah; but in the water – saltwater, for fuckin' two days, no fuckin' way.

VG: How bad is SCOTT taking this?

CT: He's all right now because we sat around and kicked it around, you know? This is like the [UI] -- listen. It's -- for one they are not gonna get it. You know what I am saying? Two, is that like they [UI] confession. I get it.

VG: What now?

CT: Someone knows. You know what I mean? You can't --

VG: They came up and beat the shit out of him, but I'm --

CT: All I'm saying, barring that -- listen, barring, ah, like a pique event to do a fuckin' crime, okay, barring that --

VG: Which is pretty unlikely here. They would beat him up.

CT: Yeah, they would beat him up to admit because, look, listen, one of them would have been involved. Like I was so fuckin' concerned with this thing, you know being announced and everything, I wrote a letter to MEL. I,

CHRIS TARANTINO, don't know a goddamn thing – (laughing) – make a confession. I am fuckin' innocent of any and all crimes. Please notarize this, you know. I sent it out to MEL, and MEL fuckin' sent it back. And he said, CHRIS, I can't do that, but I will make note of it, you know? You know, I was fuckin' – you know, I was up there. And I'm like they're gonna make a fuckin' confession. Fuck that shit, you know. They fuckin' did it then [UI] now, right now. He's like, I ain't telling them shit.

VG: But while you're in jail, you're still covered from your lawyer.

CT: Yeah.

VG: They can't ask for anything. Now that you're out though, I don't know. The same may be being on probation.

CT: They fuckin' did do it while I was in jail. They did fuckin' talk to me.

VG: About – that's only if you want to talk, anything you said can't be used against you.

CT: Yeah, well, I didn't say nothing anyway, you know. I mean I would of [UI], but, uhm –

VG: They [UI] – MEL would have to be involved to get – to release, ah -- ah --

CT: What?

VG: Uhm –

CT: Some kind of statement or whatever.

VG: A statement. I'm pretty sure it might – once you're sentenced, it might stop running there. But I think the whole time you're in jail --

CT: So that's the other thing SAL adds on. It goes like this also – we're all pack animals, okay, and for whatever the reason is someone ain't telling them a

bit about -- like SCOTT doesn't know who the fuck is -- he's out of the gyms, you know what I'm saying? Like he, you know -- he -- he just -- just there's no fuckin' way, you know what I mean? It's just -- it's -- it's one of those things that, like, you know, maybe at the last minute it's a possibility, you know. I don't -- I don't think so, you know, no matter what, you know what I'm saying? At the last minute, maybe if like fuckin', you know -- it's all big guys [UI] down so that other [UI] do it. If that were the fuckin' case, you know, but for the most part [UI] fuckin' it's nothing, taking the weight, at all.

None.

VG: That's a good thing. All you have to worry about is you and SCOTT.

CT: Yeah.

VG: SCOTT understands that, right?

CT: Yeah, [UI].

VG: I don't know about that.

CT: He is, yeah.

VG: Well, that's a fuckin' good thing. So you really -- you really should just drop it. Don't talk about it with anybody.

CT: I know [UI]. Listen. [UI] talking [UI] nothing, and that's it. I believe that the only thing I said to him [UI]. Let me ask or whatever. And you know, [UI]. Have you ever watched *Unsolved Mysteries*? I go, I'm the unsolved mystery.

(Laughter.)

Wah-woo! Whatever you got, I am.

VG: You got to really beat that into SCOTT'S head.

CT: Yeah, no. He's listening. We went over here, you know, and ahh, like, I said, SCOTT'S smart, and he's fuckin' – we're sitting around – at first, but you know what happens when you -- when you get that first bid [UI] tell me you didn't take the DNA test.

VG: SCOTT?

CT: Yeah, SCOTT'S over there in Farmingdale.

VG: They didn't take SCOTT'S?

CT: Yeah, they did. They go right to his house first. They called me up.

VG: And SCOTT'S on the street?

CT: Yeah, KENNEDY came by and dropped a subpoena off.

VG: Who came by, KENNY?

CT: KENNEDY.

VG: KENNEDY.

CT: And he came by my fuckin' gym a couple of months before because they figure they can get to SCOTT, da, da, da, da, da.

VG: Yeah.

CT: Said he was going to drop a fuckin' subpoena off on fuckin' SCOTT, give it to his wife, knowing that SCOTT didn't answer the door, so I call home. JENN says, hey, we bought a dog, you know. I'm like, great, you know? But right before that I'm in a meeting, you know? I'm talking to these scum bags, you know, dropped by, you know, fucking want DNA whatever. I'm like --

VG: On your shit, right?

CT: [UI] (laughter).

Fuck, you know. Then I get pulled out by the Lieutenant; and up there, it's like the secret squirrel society anyway. And the counselors all know your business. Everybody wants to know what's going on. I got the Lieutenant comes to me. I got MEL calling up there four times, and these fuckin' niggers make like four hundred a week after taxes. I got my attorney calling up, looking, who wants to know your attorney, you know? Like feds coming up here. They're going to [UI] DNA from you, you know what I'm saying? Like, I'm thinking, they're never letting me out of here, and the fact that they're [UI].

VG: And when you're in there, you definitely panicked.

CT: I – you know, like I'm like, they're never letting me out of here. I got to the point where I'm like -- two weeks I would -- I would sleep. I'd sleep like this for four hours. I wake up sweating my balls off.

(Laughter.)

That was it. I was up, you know, four hours a day, maybe, you know. Like, you know, I would get to bed right away, but I'd be up from two o'clock on, you know. Since two I was gone, but I get up, I'm like -- you know? Motherfucker, man. And then, ahh – so when you hear the first shift – [UI], I'm like [UI] finally got DNA. [UI] sleep – sleep. I'm like --

VG: Holy shit, oh.

CT: I go, that's if you got me. [UI], Mel [UI] listening some color hair, there's nothing.

VG: Is that what they said?

CT: Yeah, there's nothing. Now they're going [UI] from me. They're taking

[UI] from me. You come to my fuckin' house, my dog hair was in that fuckin' car, you know what I am saying? It -- it -- there's a lot of like [UI] reasons to go down with that shit, you know what I'm saying? But we might of been in the car. We're good friends. You know they picked me up. How many other people were in the car the -- there might be fuckin' twenty different people in there. Did they fuckin' hit them all? Fuckin' KENNY was in the car, stole an armored truck. Not that I would ever tell them -- tell anybody, but I mean like, he was. He might have been in jail at the time. ALFONSE is done. We didn't kill him, though. So I get fuckin' two open reverse tests. And hopefully they had hair on them.

VG: Right.

CT: [UI] it's -- it's not like anything [UI]

VG: [UI] -- hey, you really don't think that they got LOUIE by now?

CT: I think, like, GARRETT knows him. Those guys were all in jail. And GARRETT doesn't know him. And so he tells me, yeah, SCOTT did this, you know. But he's telling me, like, what the other team thinks, you know what I'm saying? And, ahh, the DNA [UI] another two buckets. The DNA comes back and supposedly they say they have a picture at night, and these guys are rolling him right off the bridge -- LOUIE off the bridge.

VG: Oh, really. Oh, so you know they are way off --

CT: Yeah, they took ten other guy's DNA, probably because he's there in the car or if his brother's in there or if LOUIE's fuckin' blood was actually in the car. Supposedly it's pig's blood from the barbeques.

VG: When -- when -- when LOUIE had problems --

CT: What?

VG: How did he get where he got him? It wasn't in the car, was it?

CT: By boat.

VG: No. How did he get to the boat though?

CT: We got back from the [UI] –

VG: No, not [UI] –

CT: And I was thinking about this, if it proves out, I'm thinking, boom. [UI] meanwhile it was in nighttime? Boink. In the daytime.

VG: (Laughter.)

CT: You know, so, ah, [UI], the kid that gave em the score with SCOTT, you know. So SCOTT told ROB, you know what I mean [UI]?

VG: I know him. He's a funny man.

(Laughter.)

CT: You know, like a year or whatever, you know, because of something – da, da, da – and, ah, [UI] LOUIE [UI] so we even checked out like [UI] worry about, I'm like, you know, thinking you know --

VG: He doesn't know any of this stuff happened, does he?

CT: Huh?

VG: Does he know any of this is about? Like. he's a good kid, right?

CT: Really good kid.

VG: [UI] not [UI] in trouble -- in trouble, right?

CT: Nah, nah. I don't think he's a thief [UI] he was on probation for like year or two. We used to sell pot with GREG REIDER, back like on Death Warrant Road, you know? And I mean, like, I was so nervous with [UI] a kid that I

know was right there when this whole fucking thing went down, you know? Like right there. And, ah, to make a long story short, I said, you know, like JENN, go get Jimmy's fuckin phone number, 'cause I know that JENN [UI] – JIMMY'S phone number cause I was gonna get in touch with him to get a fuckin' statement.

I was ready to go give up everybody's DNA, you know what I'm saying? Like, they probably put like a million people in the car. It would be like, you know -- not that I wouldn't put him there, then and there; but like if this came to trial, I'd be like what about this one, what about this one, like just to fuck up evidence 'cause I didn't think I was getting out, and I've been work the fuckin' – like get a PI involved and start working. I said --

VG: Right.

CT: I said, I work -- I start working in here, you know what I mean. So, ah --

VG: I would slow down though, KILLER.

CT: I'm not doing nothing.

VG: Good.

CT: I ain't doing shit. MEL said, listen, we -- because I went to MEL. I go, we should do this. I want statements from this one. I want statements from this one, blah, blah. He goes, CHRIS – (smack sound) – you know, chill. He goes the feds are fucked up, and they can use everything as evidence. When I say everything, that means everything, CHRIS.

VG: I mean they can even use hearsay, I think.

CT: Buddy, they can use the fact like SCOTT disappeared for a while.

VG: Really?

CT: Yeah, they can use like the most fucked up shit in the goddamn planet, you know what I'm saying? Like they can use fuckin' anything, you know, to make their case. So he's like they get – they can go around saying that you were nervous, you know, and put it like that to the jury and you would get your case [UI] -- (laughter) -- you know what I'm saying? So --

VG: And they can too without [UI].

CT: Yeah --

VG: Yeah, they're bad.

CT: Yeah, they really fucked up. So ahh -- so -- so -- you know.

VG: MEL ROTH's son is a member of my gym. I gave him a membership.

CT: Oh, really.

VG: Yeah, he lives in the neighborhood.

CT: Oh, that's cool.

VG: Yeah. He comes in and starts asking questions. I'm like, who are you? MEL ROTH's my father (laughter). I don't know. He looks like an attorney.

CT: Oh, yeah.

VG: I don't know. I didn't even ask him.

CT: I love MEL.

VG: Me too.

CT: That's what they say – they go, do you like your attorney? I go, I love my attorney. (Laughs), you know. I do, you know? The only [UI] about Mel, like if I wouldn't go to trial on something like this, I would get a smoking gun, you know. I would have MEL co-counsel it 'cause he cares about me.

VG: Yeah.

CT: But I would get --

VG: A real strong mouthpiece.

CT: Yeah. Well, I would get someone maybe if not a BRUCE CUTLER or someone like that who is like upper peer or --

VG: I can't believe it's in Nassau County. I thought it was really a Suffolk – in fuckin' Suffolk.

CT: No, the body was found between Suffolk and Jersey.

VG: So what does that make it?

CT: [UI] that doesn't matter.

VG: So what does it make it, though? Who would have the jurisdiction?

CT: The feds. It's a joint investigation between the feds, you know. That's it.

VG: It's got its pros and cons. I think you're better off with the feds.

CT: It's good and bad, you know.

VG: Yeah.

CT: The problem is -- the problem is with the feds --

VG: [UI]

CT: Probably not, because the feds, anything goes. You get a trial, anything goes, you know. And I don't have to do shit like I would act down, you know, try and get a mistrial, fuckin' you know, whatever I would act out and take a shot 'cause I watch everybody else going to trial sitting there quietly fuckin' not gettin anywhere, you know what I mean?

VG: Right. Did you see the one kid that represented himself? The cops chasing him, shooting at him [UI] --

CT: No.

VG: He's a cocky little kid. He acted like his own lawyer. I don't [UI] --

CT: Yeah, he got convicted of everything?

VG: Yeah, but it was – looked like he was really going to walk on it.

CT: Yeah.

VG: But yeah. He actually – he reminded me of you. He was hysterical, this kid.

CT: Yeah?

VG: Yeah.

CT: [UI] could. I tell you, after that, I would have to have an attorney [UI], like a CUTLER, like a MURPHY, someone who would, you know, go [UI] – 'cause the problem I've had with MEL, like if MEL beats the case for me out at Nassau County, they'd fuck him for the rest of his life.

VG: Yeah, he made his reputation out there to be [UI] really – the good boy system would be tough.

CT: He'd never get a fuckin' another plea again, you know?

VG: Right.

CT: And I can't get fuckin' sold out. I need a guy like you and I would talk to AL GRECO and I would say, you know, I told my attorney that this guy is like half a psychopath, you know, testifying against me. He was telling [UI] – I was telling my attorney, get up there and [UI] shit and then stir him up so the fuckin' jury doesn't see this big guy telling a very sweet story and his attorney thought, are you crazy, they're fuckin' [UI] two murders, here – (laughter). I go, I'll fuckin' kill ya. But my point is that if you get a guy like

DAN MORRISSEY or whatever because it's very like – it's not really technical here. It's fuckin' – it's like a cat fight, you know.

VG: Yeah, right.

CT: It's all – he said, she said, da, da, da, da, you know. You know, there's nothing there [UI]. It's a game. It's a game to him.

VG: [UI], when all this stuff happened between me and you and the gyms --

CT: Yeah.

VG: And I was telling SCOTT to, uhh, or maybe I was telling ERIC that I owe you an apology.

CT: Yeah.

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